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## LETTER IN PAPER SAID THREATENS U.S. JEWS

PHOENIX, Ariz. (P-O)—Publication by the Arizona Republic, daily paper here, of a letter which ended with a threat against U. S. Jewry was assailed bitterly by The Phoenix Jewish News this week.

THE DAILY PAPER is owned by Eugene Pulliam, who owns a string of newspapers, including the Indianapolis Star and the Indianapolis News.

Pulliam, who recently returned from Egypt where he and his wife were guests of the

government, has been under fire for parroting the Arab line. In dispatches from Egypt, Pulliam asked for an investigation of the tax-free status of the United Jewish Appeal, curtailment of immigration into Israel, and establishment of a cordon sanitaire around Israel.

The letter, signed by Norman H. Jenkins, of Los Angeles, asserted that "if the American people ever discover what the Zionists have wrought in this once great and free country, what

happened in Germany would be a school picnic in comparison."

THE JEWISH NEWS said it had "yet to read a more outrageous and provocative statement" and asserted that the "issue is whether the columns of the daily press are to be given over to expressions of hatred and incitement."

Pulliam was awarded the "Man of the Year" citation by the Indianapolis lodge of B'nai B'rith several years ago.

## BRITISH REFORM BODY MAY JOIN CONSERVATIVES

LONDON (P-O) — A split in the ranks of Liberal Judaism in England seemed to be brewing as the 17th annual conference of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain revealed sentiment for aligning the organization with the Conservative Movement.

THE JEWISH CHRONICLE reported that on the crucial vote for retaining membership in the

World Union for Progressive Judaism, the tally was only 36 to 26 for not dropping out of the world-wide organization which is spearheaded by the Reform Movement in the United States.

The vote was approximately as class — 32-20 — on continuing association with the Dr. Leo Baeck rabbinical college.

A DELEGATE from Manchester, who favored exploring the possibility of alignment with the Conservative movement, said his constituents would probably not accept the decisions of the conference.

At a later session, however, it was voted to appoint a special committee which would consider the problem of affiliation either with the World Union or with the newly constituted world-wide Conservative movement.

THE GROUP is made up of 16 Reform synagogues, which have a total of 8,000 members.

## Medieval Massacre Recalled

### Inscription Changed At St. Hugh Shrine

LONDON (P-O) — The notorious medieval massacre in which many Jews were put to death here in 1255 over the ritual murder charge came into the news this week with announcement that the inscription over the shrine of "Little St. Hugh" has been changed.

THE CHANGE was made after representations by the Jewish Historical Society of London.

The child whose name was Hugh was allegedly murdered by Jews requiring blood for the Passover seder. He later was canonized by the Catholic church.

THE INSCRIPTION as it stood gave credence to the ritual murder legend. The Historical society protested to the Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, where the shrine is located, who agreed to alter the language to remove any suspicion against Jews.

## Emergency Fund Of UJA Retained

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The emergency fund which the United Jewish Appeal has launched for the past two years to raise additional monies for Israel will in all likelihood, be continued for a third straight year. The UJA study mission here has decided to recommend continuation of the fund for another year to the annual conference of the agency in New York next month.

## Germans Note Anniversary of Crystal Night

BERLIN (P-O) — Throughout Germany the 20th anniversary of Crystal night, the burning of hundreds of synagogues on Nov. 8-9, 1938, was commemorated here by non-Jewish groups and Jewish groups alike.

A meeting convened by The Friedrich Ebert Foundation, an educational institution, found 10 leaders in politics, education, labor and science in wide agreement that the German people had learned a lot since 1938, although perhaps not as yet enough.

## NILES COMMEMORATED

A room at Brandeis University, and a fellowship program at the same school, has been dedicated in honor of the late David K. Niles who was an administrative assistant to both Presidents Roosevelt and Truman.

## EPSTEIN GETS AWARD

William Epstein, 46, who is joint secretary of the UN Disarmament Commission has been named distinguished alumnus of the year by the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

## USES SHULHAN ARUCH

DETROIT (P-O) — Using the Shulhan Aruch as a guide, a circuit judge here has ruled that the body of man might be reburied in a family plot. Reburial is permitted under rare instances under Jewish law.

## British Choose Israel Cotton Over Egypt's

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Israel cotton woven in England proved to be superior to Egyptian cotton and British mills will take all Israel long-staple cotton they can get, Israel Sieff honorary president of the British Zionist Federation, said here.

Cieff's words carry more weight than usual since he is an executive of one of the world's largest chain store operations, Marks and Spencer Stores.

Sieff noted long stretches of farmland now lying uncultivated which he said were suitable for cotton growing.

## Don't Harm Synagogues, Says Worried Anti-Semite

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (P-O) — Newport News police have been called on by William Stephenson, publisher of the violently anti-Semitic paper, The Virginian, to give careful protection to synagogues in the city. Stephenson defended the quintet arrested following the Atlanta temple bombing, and said that since he would be the one arrested in a synagogue bombing here, he wanted police to guard the structures on a 24-hour basis.

## HILLEL RE-ELECTS HABER

Dr. William Haber, professor of economics at the University of Michigan, has been re-elected president of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

## ISRAEL READY FOR PEACE NOW, SAYS SHARETT

NEW YORK (WNS) — Israel must be prepared to make peace with any Arab neighbor at any moment, declared Moshe Sharett, former Israeli Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, at the opening session of a two-day general assembly here of the Jewish National Fund. Mr. Sharett at the same time called for increased Israeli vigilance in defense of the country, for continued, unrestricted immigration and for accelerated development of the country's natural resources.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, who was re-elected president of the JNF, announced that, in tribute to Israel's tenth anniversary, the Fund will plant 2 million trees in Israel at a cost of \$4,000,000. In the last 10 years, he said, Americans have contributed \$102,000,000 for Israeli land development through the Jewish National Fund.

## KASPER CONVICTED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WNS) — John Kasper, notorious segregationist and avowed anti-Semite, was found guilty here this week of inciting a riot in this city last year and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and fined \$500.

## RE-ELECTED 30TH TIME

Rabbi Israel Goldstein was re-elected president of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America for the 30th consecutive term.

## Hebrew U. Vice President, Wife Move To Desolate Part of Negev

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Israelis were excited this week as the vice-president of Hebrew University and his wife announced dramatically that they were moving into the lonely wastes of the Negev for at least two years.

PROF. MICHAEL Evenari, who is 56 years old, and his wife Lieselotte, still in her forties, plan to see if it is really possible to eke out a living in the area by preserving the rain and floodwaters.

They plan to live in a refurbished 2000-year-old farmstead, comprising five rooms.

THE FARM itself is 20 dunams of terraced land, with a network of channels and spillwaters. The Evenaris believe that the

central Negev highlands can be made to grow grapes, pomegranates and olives as it did in ancient days, and possibly wheat and barley.

ALTHOUGH this is a pioneering expedition, it will be conducted under, and has already had the benefit of the most up-to-date scientific aids.

Actually it will require almost \$200,000 and a team of about fifteen people to conduct the experiment, which is to determine once and for all if the deep Negev can really support modern life.

NEAREST settlement to the homestead is Revivim.

Original research for the experiment was conducted with funds from the Ford Foundation.

## Non-Kosher Affair Seen Confusing Bar Mitzva Boys

HEMPSTEAD, Long Island (P-O) — Bar mitzva boys who have been taught the importance of kashrut and find their parents celebrating the occasion with a non-kosher affair must be confused, Rabbi Samuel Chiel of the Malverne Jewish Center asserted this week.

Writing in the bulletin of his congregation, Rabbi Chiel said that: "How empty to him must appear the months of preparation and the ceremonies of the Sabbath when his parents pay no heed to all that he has been taught."

Rabbi Chiel urged that the "minimal standard that should be set by parents is that the affair itself be characterized by an observance of the dietary laws."

## Principal Banning Hanuka, Christmas Plays Under Fire

STAMFORD, Conn. (P-O) — A school principal who has banned both Hanuka and Christmas plays from his school will be asked to explain his action by the board of education here.

Dr. Harry A. Becker, superintendent of schools, told the board that the administration had always favored Nativity and Hanuka observances in the schools.

## TRAFFIC, GET TOGETHER

Traffic lights were turned on last month at Jaffa Road and King George Ave., Jerusalem's busiest intersection, and immediately produced a traffic jam. The city engineer's department had failed to co-ordinate the lights, and each corner (of the four) was operating on its own.



## Dr. Davidson Dies; Helped Jews to Become Farmers

NEW YORK (P-O)—Dr. Gabriel Davidson, 79, who as former managing director of the Jewish Agricultural Society helped place thousands of Jews on farms, died here last week of an heart ailment.

Dr. Davidson, who believed "we have exploded the myth that Jews can't farm," had traveled all over the country checking to see that Jews adjusted to their new environment. He retired as managing director in 1951, serving afterward as a consultant.

## HENRY HOMES

NEW YORK (P-O) — Henry Homes, 71, a treasurer of Beth Israel Hospital here since 1947 and a trustee since 1936, died last week in Beth Israel Hospital here after a short illness. He played an active role in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the United Jewish Appeal.



# Males Practice Double Standard But Impose Single: Coeds

BOULDER, Colo. (P-O)—Jewish co-eds at the University of Colorado feel that men still prefer to have chaste women as their wives, but that they do not set the same standard for themselves.

IN A DISCUSSION on love, sex, and marriage at CU's Hillel Foundation, reported by the Inter-mountain Jewish News, the male students countered that women, too, were confused in their standards. On one hand, they insisted on special female prerogatives, while on the other they demanded equality with men.

Leading the discussion were Rabbi Milton Elefant, CU Hillel director; Rabbi Daniel Goldberger, Beth Joseph Synagogue; CU sociology Prof. Howard Higman and Dr. Isaac Bacon, also of CU.

THE STUDENTS objected to Rabbi Goldberger's views on birth control. They took the position that as parents they should be prepared to give proper guidance, care and financial support before having children, and therefore birth control was both desirable and necessary.

Rabbi Goldberger insisted

that large families were necessary for the survival of the Jew. It was also pointed out that it is questionable whether such fundamental aspects of life as having and rearing children should be based on considerations of comforts and convenience, and that perhaps we were succumbing too easily to the pleasure seeking, hedonistic nature of man.

SOME STUDENTS countered that "a night at the opera and possession of a Cadillac" are more important to some people than children.

The representative view, however, was that birth control would contribute to better parenthood.

RABBI GOLDBERGER also asserted that a great contributing factor to love continuing in marriage was the ritual of immersion.

Once each month and after childbirth a woman must go to a "mikva" to symbolically purify herself from her ritual impurity during the menstrual period by immersion in water. She also must abstain from all contact with her husband until two

weeks after the onset of her period.

RABBI GOLDBERGER stated that this ritual lifts the relations between man and wife to an elevated plane and invests them dramatically with sanctity and holiness.

Noteworthy is the fact that while the students may not have accepted his views on the mikva for personal practice, they had few objections to them theoretically.

THE PLACE of courtship in the Jewish scheme of love occupied an important role in the student's thinking. They won-

dered about the degree of permissible intimacy before marriage.

The discussants pointed out that romantic love and courtship before marriage was portrayed in both ancient and modern Jewish literature. However, rules of modesty were not compromised. The rabbis stressed that the love after marriage was given greater emphasis in ancient Judaism, as this love is more apt to be taken for granted and needed more dedication and devotion than love preceding marriage.

THE MATTER of arranged marriages also came under scrutiny.

Dr. Bacon felt that pre-arranged marriages often turn out better than those resulting from "social experimentation" due to the fact that there was parental guidance.

STUDENTS could not go along with this form of marriage but it was made clear that this was not the position of Judaism on the matter, as the Talmud insisted that the couple be acquainted with each other before entering into the sacred ceremony of marriage.

## Aden Police Take Time To Answer Riot Call

LONDON (P-O)—The correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle in Aden who called police when the Selim Jewish School was fired and Jewish homes attacked, reported that more than a half hour elapsed before police responded although the station was only a four-minute walk away.

WHEN THE police finally arrived, the gang of Arabs, mostly teenagers, disappeared into the alleyways. However, 560 were rounded up and 240 deported over the borders of this tiny English dependency. Authorities assured the 800

Jews of Aden they were in a position to provide security for the Jewish community which clearly recalls the riots in 1947 when 82 Jews were killed.

THE FIRES at the school and those which were started in Jewish homes and property

were all quickly extinguished. Headmaster A. J. Marks was injured slightly helping quench the flames.

330 BAR-ILAN STUDENTS Bar-Ilan University this year has 330 students and 75 teachers.

## Split in Coalition Continues

### MAPAI MOVE SEEN AS EFFORT TO ACCEPT NON-ORTHODOX RABBIS

JERUSALEM (P-O)—An attempt by the ruling Mapai party to secure the official recognition of other than Orthodox rabbis has led to the breakdown of negotiations for the return of the religious bloc to the government coalition.

The bloc withdrew over the "Who is a Jew" ruling, which obviated the need for conversion to Judaism. The Mapai party, headed by Ben-Gurion, was ready to relent on its stand in this connection, but wanted any three rabbis, not just rabbis recognized by the Chief Rabbis, to be able to officiate at conversions.

The religious bloc saw in this move a threat to grant rabbinical authority to those who according to halaha, Jewish law, are not entitled to perform the function of rabbis.

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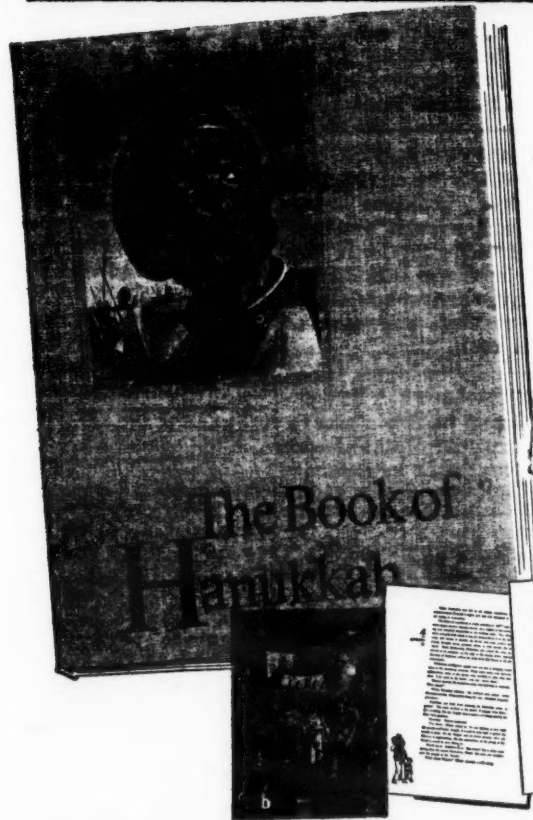
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## NAMSE IN THE NEWS

## WILL EDDIE AND LIZ USE A HUPPA?

Rumors that Eddie Fisher and anti-peoplehood propaganda Elizabeth Taylor will wed shortly counteracted.

Sudden shift of Dorothy Schiff, publisher of the New York Post from supporting Harriman to Rockefeller on the grounds that Harriman had slurred the eventual winner's activities towards Israel was challenged by Dr. Louis I. Newman in his sermon last week. "As a rabbi and a Zionist I object to the use of the Arab-Israeli situation as a pivot on which to swing opinions in an election," he told his congregation.

Much of what is being offered as adult Jewish education "might better be labeled indoctrination or promotion," Mrs. Lily Edelman told a meeting of the American Adult Education Association in Cincinnati. The assistant director of B'nai B'rith adult Jewish education program, added that such programs "are too concerned with selling various Jewish causes or specific branches of Judaism." She praised a growing number of adult Jewish educators for teaching "a new pattern of humanistic Judaism that embraces the best of tradition and applies it to modern life."

A possible reason why Jews show a special gift for pure scientific research was given by Dr. Ernst B. Chain, Jewish Nobel prize winner, in the column "Strictly Confidential," by Phineas J. Biron. Chain speculated that in Europe Jewish students who were discriminated against, found refuge in libraries and laboratories away from the social life. This and intellectual curiosity bred by our heritage, he said, might be the explanation.

## Appeals Court To Rule On Mixed Seating

DETROIT (P-O)—The Michigan State Court of Appeals has been asked to rule on mixed seating of men and women in Congregation Beth Tefilas Moses in Mt. Clemens, near here. The appeal was carried to the state's highest court after the County Circuit Court ruled against a group who petitioned the court to halt mixed seating in the congregation.

The number of members of

## LEGEND OF CHELM STILL HOLDS TRUE

HAIFA (P-O) — When Moshe Tennenbaum a shoemaker, was stopped by customs officials because he wore newly made shoes as he prepared to embark from Israel for good, authorities found their suspicions verified.

They impounded a quantity of gold pieces and jeweled watches neatly hidden in the soles of the shoes.

On examining his papers, it was discovered that he had given as his place of birth, Chelm, which to anyone who knows the stories about this fabled Jewish town of fools, might be an explanation of his detection.

## Third of World's Leading Chess Players Jewish

MUNICH (P-O) — Of the world's leading chess players contending in the recent chess championships here, at least 30 per cent were Jewish.

THE RUSSIAN team, headed by the world champion Botvinnik, was almost completely Jewish. Bronstein and Tal were its other principals. Tal was the most successful player in the tournament, winning 12 of 13 of his matches, and tying in the other three.

Samuel Reshevsky, the U. S. player, refused to compete on the Sabbath, and a special schedule was worked out for him.

THE ISRAELI team finished in 17th place.

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## Rabbi's Aid To Strangers Rewarded By Tree Planting

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: We would like to purchase three trees in your program, in gratitude to Rabbi and Mrs. Stanley G. Weber of East St. Louis, Illinois.

This past summer, when we together with our two children were en route west, I became ill and hospitalized in East St. Louis, a city where we knew not a single soul. Besides visiting me in the hospital, Rabbi Weber and his wife invited my children and husband to supper for several days, and Mrs. Weber took care of the children (ages 8 and 5½)

so my husband could spend a little time with me.

Rabbi Weber is new in the rabbinate, but we couldn't help feeling that he and Mrs. Weber certainly carried out the spirit of friendliness to the stranger.

We would like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking them both, by planting these trees.

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## Taunton, Mass. School Plants Six Trees

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: In honor of Israel's tenth anniversary the students of our Hebrew and Religious Schools have elected to send all of their tzedakah money to Israel this year. During the first part of the year they plan to purchase trees in Israel to help rebuild the land, stop erosion, and restore fertility to Israel's soil.

During the second part of the year we plan to cultivate the etz chaim—the Tree of Life—the Tora—by purchasing volumes of the Talmud and sending them to needy students in the Holy Land. This will give us a share in rebuilding the spiritual lives of our people, and perhaps it will help to stop the religious erosion we have suffered in the past and restore our people's ancient moral power.

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Total to date	\$1477.50

## Drive Limps Along With 5 Gifts, But Goal of \$2,500 Not Far Off

Five readers helped the drive of The POST and OPINION to plant 1,250 trees in Israel in honor of the state's 10th anniversary move along toward its goal with contributions of \$16 this week. Total gifts thus far mounted to \$1,477.50.

AT \$2.00 EACH, which is the cost of planting a tree in Israel, \$2,500 is required to reach the goal.

Among the gifts was one from Samuel and Ruby Zagoren Silverstein, of Torrington, Conn., in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Stan-

ley G. Weber, of East St. Louis, Illinois.

MRS. SILVERSTEIN, who is a correspondent of The POST and OPINION, wrote that Rabbi and Mrs. Weber were most helpful to them while she was taken ill en route West this summer via automobile.

One religious school responded to the drive when the Burton M. Leiser, principal of the Hebrew and Religious School of Congregation Agudath Achim of Taunton, Mass., forwarded \$12 to plant six trees in Israel.

THE SLOGAN for the drive is: "Ten Trees for Ten Years in Israel" and although gifts in this amount are solicited, any amount of trees may be planted.

All gifts are acknowledged by the Jewish National Fund of America with beautiful certificates. The gifts are tax deductible.

## 500 Lebanon Jews Go To South America

LONDON (P-O)—A total of 500 or approximately 5 per cent of Lebanon's 100,000 Jews have immigrated to South American countries, the Jewish Chronicle here reported. Another 500 have registered for immigration to the U. S. Fear of Nasser's taking over the country and a worsening of economic situation for Jews have led to the exodus. Half of Lebanon's Jews fled here from Syria in the past few years.

## 7 KILLED IN PLUNGE

TEL AVIV (P-O) — Seven passengers were killed and 25 injured this week when their bus plunged 45 feet into a ravine near here after careening off a bridge.

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LADD AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (P.O.)—Bagel and moose may not be the American Jew's idea of a real "maichol," but Jewish Air Force personnel here think it's great.

NOT ONLY THAT, they think they've set "some kind of record" in combining the two while on maneuvers. And it's strictly kosher, Airman Second Class David Schuss told The POST and OPINION.

According to Schuss, the group had set up their tents some 30 miles from here. Temperatures were in the minus-20s during the nights, and the men needed every bit of their Arctic equipment to keep warm.

JUST FOR the fun of it, a group of Jewish servicemen set up a moose trap in the brush one Saturday night.

"You may imagine our surprise," Schuss said, "when, in the morning, they found a full-grown moose calf caught in it."

BU THE MEN wanted kosher meat for a change. What could they do?

Chaplain Wachtfogel, who was

visiting with the men, came to their rescue. Not having had any fresh meat in months, he agreed to "sheht" the animal (slaughter it according to Jewish law).

SO THE MEN sharpened up a hunting knife, and the rabbi soon presented them with kosher moose. The men then prevailed on one of the bakers to put out

some bagel, and after the Sunday morning minyan, some 60 Jewish personnel, dependents and about 20 guests enjoyed bagel sandwiches of hot kosher moose steaks.

"Out here we think this must be some kind of record, hot kosher steaks on bagel for Sunday breakfast on maneuvers," declared Schuss.

## NOW IT'S HOPALONG CASSIDY

LONDON (P.O.)—How it came about that a man named Cohen could defend changing his name to Cassidy was told in the Jewish Chronicle here.

Discussing name-changing and the variations of Cohen now popular, the column, "incidentally," relates that a New Yorker changed his name to Cassidy on the grounds that his grandfather had been a hassid.

(A Hassid is a follower of the Baal Shem Tov, a believer in the use of emotion as well as reason in devotions and outlook.)

## JEWISH LEADER CALLS JEWS MOST BIGOTED

LONDON (P.O.)—The charge that Jews are the most intolerant group in the world was made by a Jewish leader here A. S. Diamond, a master of the Supreme Court, in an address before the B'nai B'rith lodge.

Mr. Diamond asserted that no Orthodox Jew is allowed to visit the Berkeley Street Synagogue, which is Liberal.

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## Poll Shows Americans Pro-Israel

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The principal reasons given for

sympathizing with the Israelis were: The Bible said the Jews were to have a homeland there; the Arabs are allied with Communism; the Jews are more progressive than the Arabs, and Arabs are largely sympathetic to UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who was called a threat to peace.

### Mapam Leader Held On Espionage Suspicion

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Aharon Cohen, Mapam leader, was being detained early this week while the Israel Attorney General was deciding whether formal charges of espionage should be brought against him. Cohen, a member of the Central Committee of the left-wing Mapam party, and a specialist on Arab affairs who has published a number of books, had been under investigation.

Premier David Ben-Gurion issued an appeal to the public not to pre-judge the case and also asked that no group be condemned for the alleged crime of one of its members.

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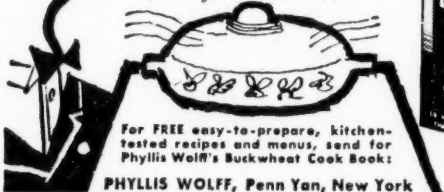
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# Chicago May Regain Lost Title From LA

LOS ANGELES may not be the second largest Jewish community after all, and Chicago may retain that honor, a population study made in the California city is said to show. According to Herb Brin, publisher of Heritage, the population survey, not yet announced, will reveal a total of 380,000 in the sprawling Los Angeles area as against previous estimates of 400,000.

A PLEA for Israel to accord equal rights to her Arab minority was made by Dr. Ernst Simon, professor of Education at Hebrew University, before a meeting in New York of the American Friends of Ichud, movement for Arab-Jewish understanding. Simon called on Israel to end the denial of equal rights and discrimination against her Arab citizens.

THE SS JERUSALEM is being sought by a Miami-Havana

syndicate to be used as a floating gambling casino which would cruise between Miami and the West Indies, a Miami newspaper columnist reports. The columnist said that the group is dicker with the Israel government to charter the liner.

VIRTUALLY every standard work published in Yiddish and rare Yiddish-Americana, are now part of the library of Hebrew University College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati as a result of the acquisition of the entire stock at the long-established Jewish Book Store on New York's Second Ave., operated by the late I. W. Biderman. The library culled 15,000 valuable volumes from the store's 60,000 items.

JEWISH radio and TV programs won recognition recently when the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Theo-

logical Seminary of America received citations. The committee's production of a TV program on anti-Semitism in college fraternities won a \$1,000 award from the Fund for the Republic and the Seminary's Eternal Light radio series was adjudged the best religious program in radio by the Ohio State Awards competition.

ELEVEN new all-day Jewish schools were opened in the U. S. this year, headed by schools in Oakland, Cal., Newport News, Va., and Columbus, O. A yeshiva, the first in the history of Denmark, was established in Copenhagen, through the help of Stephen Klein, president of Barton's Candy Corp. Klein not only aided in equipping the school but followed a pattern he used in establishing yeshivas in the U. S., by promising to make up the first year's deficit.

## NO JEWISH LAW ON NAMING OF CHILD

LYNN, Mass. (P-O)—"Despite widespread custom to the contrary, there are absolutely no religious rules or regulations concerning the naming of a Jewish child," Rabbi Steven S. Schwartzchild quotes in the current issue of The Bulletin of his Temple Beth El.

RABBI SCHWARTZCHILD picked the quotation from a

mimeographed pamphlet, "On Choosing a Name for a Jewish Child," by his colleague, Rabbi Hershel Matt, of Troy, N. Y.

The Lynn rabbi had some advice of his own, some of which was against using the "initial theory."

"MORRIS AND MOSES, and Jacob and Jeffrey," he wrote, "have as much to do with one

another as apple and archaeology."

He advised that parents, if at all possible, give a name identical in Hebrew and in English.

HE ADDED that there are thousands of beautiful Hebrew names that have entered into English and that carry with them all the meaning and all the splendor of 4,000 years of Jewish purity and piety.

But he told his congregation that it could call its children by any name whatsoever. This has nothing to do with any other person, living or dead, at least so far as Jewish law is concerned and despite wide-spread custom to the contrary.

## Johannesburg To Get Jewish Mayor

JOHANNESBURG (WNS) — Election of a Jewish mayor and deputy mayor was virtually assured here this week as Deputy Mayor Ian Maltz, running for mayor, and Alec Gershel, running for deputy mayor, were nominated by the majority party. Both candidates are unopposed. Maltz will be the seventh Jewish mayor in the history of this South African metropolis.

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## THE ARTS

## America-Israel Cultural Foundation Program Limp Along, Fails to Dazzle

By JOSEPH GALE

The annual leadership dinner of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, held recently at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, was a tame affair.

AICF announced that guests who had pledged toward the over-all program also had underwritten 100 scholarship grants of \$2,000 each, but our count of the lackluster card-calls was far short of \$200,000. The



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awards are intended for study in Israel by post-graduate students from Ghana, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Iran, Thailand, Greece, Japan and Turkey.

SAMUEL RUBIN, the Foundation's dynamic and personable president, was to have related to the 200 guests the experiences of his trip to Israel, where he dedicated four cultural centers in immigrant settlements and the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem all built through Foundation support. But his persuasive and inspirational remarks turned out to be non-factual—strange preparation for the fund-raising to follow.

While Mr. Rubin's subjective appreciation of the AICF vision was uplifting, the ensuing business limped along and petered out, notwithstanding his urgent charm and the urbanity of William Mazer, dinner chairman. Perhaps the audience was ineffectually small; perhaps the Empire Room was too romantically shadowed for plain talk; perhaps behind-scenes generalship milled about when work was to be done.

AT ANY RATE, the showing

## Weekly Wants Draft

Ayin B'ayin (Eye to Eye), an Israeli weekly supported by members of the Mizrahi party, has come out in favor of calling up yeshiva students for military service.

gratefully dissolved without pause into the concert portion of the evening. This included selections by Natania Darvath, an Israeli soprano with somewhat the same timbre and quality as her teacher, Jennie Tourel, and Daniel Barenboim, the 16-year-old Israeli pianist, a former Foundation scholarship recipient, whose performance was reviewed here last year.

What we did not hear announced was that cultural centers were to be established by the Foundation in 50 Arab villages. The construction of these buildings is the extension of a three-year building program.

A TEAM of sociologists has been delegated by the Foundation's Middle East fellowship fund to make a study of cultural needs of Israeli Arabs and to arrange for training an Arab cultural leader in each village. The purpose is to enable these villages to keep pace with the expanding cultural and economic development of the country. Also vitally needed, it was said, were similar leaders for Jewish settlements who would be trained as well under the expanded program.

This indeed is an advance, one that deserved better treatment than it got. Israel's watchful, but benign, handling of her Arabs is, of course, not news, but each evidence of it offers an ideal platform for good public relations. Harkening back to AICF's dazzling mid-year banquets (the coming one is in February), we wonder why the same techniques of planning and staging were not applied here. Surely the non-affiliated observer would have been impressed, and contributors them-

selves might have been lifted out of themselves and into higher brackets.

## Top Ballet Companies Complete NYC Debuts

Two of the world's important touring ballet companies have completed New York City season debuts, and it is possible briefly to assess what they are accomplishing.

THE NEW YORK CITY BALLET, observing a 10th anniversary minus a couple of stars and some well-thought-of featured dancers, still performed with whiplash discipline. But the troupe this season—or at least the initial part of it—seemed to be a corpus sans spiritus. One had the vague notion that the creation, excellent that it was, moved without the spark and elan of other years. The second half of the engagement, due to begin soon, may bring new works and a fresher feeling.

American Ballet Theatre, on the other hand, showed tremen-

dous improvement in all departments. Some of its new ballets bore the finest promise in two decades, and the dancers themselves were vastly better, a gratifying example of development from the ranks. Our sole quibble was that the company,

at least while it was in New York, forewent much of its standard repertoire among which repose a few really great ballets—"Dark Elegies" in particular comes to mind. We await the company's next appearance with impatience.

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Wednesday-Sunday, Nov. 19-23.

Convention of Religious Zionists of America, Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi. Speakers include Moshe Shapiro, former minister of religions and social welfare of Israel; Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of Rabbinical Council of America, and Rabbi Eliezer Silver, head of Union of Orthodox Rabbis of United States and Canada. Breakers Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 20-23.

36th National Convention of Agudath Israel of America (Orthodox). Mayflower Hotel, Lakewood, N. J.

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Monday, Nov. 17, 8:15 p.m. "The Religion of Israel." Discussion by Rabbi William Berkowitz, associate of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, 270 W.

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Monday, Nov. 17, 9 p.m. "Five

Basic Books for Every Jewish Home." Discussion by Marvin Wiener, executive director of adult education of United Synagogue of America. Inwood Hebrew Congregation, 111 Vermilyea Ave. Admission \$1.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. "Religious Symbols in Art." Lecture by Dr. Stephen S. Kayser, curator of Jewish Museum, 92d St. and Fifth Ave. Admission free.

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By SARAH LIEBER

The hints of winter are upon us. Now and then a frosty morning, a chill breeze, an overcast sky. All these are portents of cold winter blasts. Time to collect those hearty recipes for soups and stews.



**Sarah** Time, too, to fill the cake box and the cookie jar. These afternoons the family will want more than a tiny nosh. The steaming cup of cocoa, the hot broth, warm milk with honey, heated tomato juice are all welcome after an hour or two of leaf-raking or outdoor play.

When you serve these afternoon snacks, count them into the day's calorie and nutrition totals. For lunches or milchig dinners, remember the filling pudding for dessert. It's a good way to get in extra protein and more eggs and milk.

### MOCHA BREAD PUDDING

- 2 cups day-old bread, cut into cubes
- 1 cup coffee
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tbs. cocoa
- 1 cup light cream
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- dash of salt
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Place the bread cubes in a 1-quart casserole. Mix the coffee, sugar and cocoa together and bring to a boil. Add cream. Beat the eggs slightly and add

the coffee mixture to them gradually, stirring well. Add vanilla and salt and pour over the bread. Set the casserole in a pan of hot water. Place in a preheated 35-degree oven and bake about one hour or until a table knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve warm or cold with additional cream, plain or whipped if desired. Note: Stale plain or sponge cake is good instead of bread. Add no sugar in this case, but otherwise, proceed as above. Serves 4 to 6.

### APRICOT RUM AND RICE FLOAT

- 1 1/2 cup water
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup uncooked white rice
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 3/4 tsp. rum flavoring
- 1 1/2 cups apricot halves, drained

Boil the rice in the salted water until tender. Stir in two cups of the milk. Cover and simmer 30 minutes or until the milk is absorbed. Do not boil. Beat egg yolks and stir into them some of the hot mixture. Return to the saucepan. Stir in 3/4-cup of the sugar, reserving the rest for a meringue. Add the vanilla and rum flavorings. Stir in the remaining milk. Cool. Cut the apricots into small pieces and fold in (reserving a few for garnish). Cover and chill. A short while before serving make a meringue of the egg whites and sugar. Fold half of this meringue into the chilled pudding. Drop the rest of the meringue in mounds on top. Garnish with apricot pieces. Serve cold. Serves eight.

### PRUNE PUDDING

- 1 cup pitted prunes, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tbs. melted butter

Add lemon rind and nuts to chopped prunes. Add sugar,

baking powder, salt and crumbs. Blend well. Stir in butter, milk and vanilla. Turn into a well-greased, 1-quart baking dish. Bake, uncovered 35 minutes or until the pudding has a brown crust. Serve warm with cream if desired. Serves four.

### BAKED APRICOT WHIP

- 1 cup dried apricot puree
- pinch of salt
- 1 1/2 tps. lemon juice
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 cup sugar

Whip cream and fold it into the pureed apricots lightly. Beat egg whites until light, add sugar and continue whipping until stiff. Fold into mixture. Turn into greased 6-cup glass baking dish. Set baking dish into pan of hot water. Bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Reduce heat to 300 degrees and bake 20 minutes longer. Serve warm. Serves six.

### EASY PARVE PRUNE WHIP

- 1 cup prune puree
- 2 egg whites
- 2 tbs. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind
- pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup sugar

Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold in other ingredients in the order named, using light touch. Spoon at once into sherbet cups or other dessert dishes. Serve chilled. Serves four.

### DATE CAKE PUDDING (Parve)

- 1 cup dates, pitted and coarsely chopped
- 3 tbs. shortening
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 1/4 cups boiling water
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts
- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
- 1 cup brown sugar packed
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Add salt and soda to the dates. Pour over this boiling water. Stir well, then cool 10 minutes. Add nuts. Meanwhile, sift flour and set aside. Beat sugar and egg together until light and add vanilla. Add to fruit-nut mixture. Add flour gradually, blending well. Batter will be thin. Pour into greased 9-inch square baking pan. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 30 minutes or until the cake tests done when a toothpick is inserted in

the center. Serve warm. Serves eight.

### A Word to the Wives

To make fruit whips and other desserts, have you tried using the pureed baby fruits or commercial "butters" like apple butter (povidla), sometimes called prune butter? These are a good quick substitute for the home-strained variety.

A few toasted nut meats added to the simplest dessert will make it festive. Try nuts in compotes and apple sauce, for example.

Or a topping of shredded cocoanut will lend a party air to some perfectly usual dessert.

And if you get into the habit of imaginative garnishes you will have the reward of an enthusiastic family response.

### WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

## Who Are The Primitive People, We or Yemenites?

By HELEN COHEN

A few years ago I reported to you about a young student at Reform's Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati who went to Israel to study the native music of the various peoples coming to that land. If I recall, she was not able to get to a piano for months over there and finally talked the Arab guards of Hebrew University (which is in Arab territory) into letting her climb up the rocky path to that deserted building which housed one such instrument. By candle light that evening her music had poured forth out of the broken window panes until her fingers were numb.

I SEE BY the latest Reconstructionist magazine, which originally reported that incident, that this same young lady (if I am not mistaken), Johanna L. Spector, is preparing a book, to be published by Indiana University Press, on Studies in Biblical and Jewish Folklore, which will contain a sampling of some of the thousands of songs of Oriental Jewry she has so far recorded.

The Reconstructionist presents an excerpt from the book in which Miss Spector describes Yemenite wedding songs along with a report of the customs connected with this ceremony.

AND WHILE I wasn't particularly taken with the words of the few songs included in the article, the customs themselves certainly took my fancy. And the one I liked the most, I hasten to tell you about first.

The wedding party proceeds from the bride's house to that of the groom during the course of a two-week-long celebration, and standing on the threshold of his home to greet the bride is the mother of the groom, who "welcomes the bride affectionately, kisses her and says: 'Be it the will of the Lord, that you remain my son's wife all your life.'"

You can call the Yemenites a primitive group if you wish, but I'll choose that mother-in-law-to-be any day over the prevailing picture of the one in advanced civilization who, having usually

only brought forth one son to start with, wraps her whole life around him and doesn't believe any girl is good enough to be his bride. And then, once the marriage is over, either feels lonely and forsaken or perhaps turns into an interfering, meddling type. (Say, what am I talking about? I have a couple of 'em nearing the eligible age myself. I may join the ranks soon also.)

AGAIN, as any smart people do, these Yemenites marry off their children early. Better by far, I say, than what is happening to some of the young people these days.

It is quite obvious, from her account, that this oriental people, isolated century after century from the outside world, had built up their own set of customs almost completely alien to that of other Jewish groups. Among the few familiar rites we find that the bridegroom does go to the synagogue, during the course of the two weeks, to pray and be given the honor of reading from the Torah scroll (does that mean this custom dated back to Biblical days?); the ketuba (marriage contract) is recited by the rabbi and the marriage is legally validated by having the groom recite the marriage formula and hand a "coin of betrothal" over to the bride.

I WONDER if Miss Spector is aware that the handing over of the coin instead of a ring is not a Yemenite innovation but actually a retaining of the original Biblical ruling, which stated that a man became betrothed by the act of handing over something of value, such as a coin, to the woman. (Commandment 213 of the 613.)

One other comment and then I'll let you go. The Yemenite women were only familiar with the Arab tongue and had to have any Hebrew or Aramaic translated for them. But this isn't so different from their sisters in the shtetl who, while their husbands and fathers were all, man and boy, learned Hebrew scholars, were themselves

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## LOOKING BACKWARD . . .

## HENRY MONTOR RESIGNS AS UNITED APPEAL HEAD

## 10 YEARS AGO

Henry Montor resigned as executive director of the United Palestine Appeal, charging that the Zionist Organization of America was using control of United Jewish Appeal funds to try to pressure the Israeli government into bowing to ZOA wishes. . . . More brickbats than praise greeted Congregation Beth-El in Camden, N. J., for having placed ads in the local dailies and placards throughout the community offering free seats for the High Holy Days with no solicitation of funds.

## FIVE YEARS AGO

The Philippine Airline bowed to Arab pressure and discontinued service to Tel Aviv.

## ONE YEAR AGO

Rabbi Joel Dobin, a Reform spiritual leader who spoke out on the segregation issue from his pulpit at Temple Gemiluth Chasodim in Alexandria, La., had his contract terminated. . . . Top Israeli leaders — among them Prime Minister Ben-Gurion — were hurt after an escaped mental patient disrupted the Knesset with a hand grenade-type bomb. . . . The @ hehsher of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations is no sure

sign that a product is kosher, declared Rabbi Eliezer Silver, head of the ultra-Orthodox Agudas Harabonim. . . . Members of Beth Israel Orthodox Synagogue in Milwaukee, Wis., went to court in a dispute over mixed seating.

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reduced to reading romantic tales in Yiddish hawked from town to town by traveling peddlers—if I report accurately from "Life Is With People." Of course, nowadays, things are more equal. All of the older generation around these parts are equally ignorant of the sacred tongue, while most of their children, no matter which sex, are equally adept.

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## THE WRONG PROGRAM

We don't have before us the complete text of the address of Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath before the meeting in New York marking the 85th anniversary of American Reform Judaism. But from the report sent out by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, of which Dr. Eisendrath is president, we gather clearly enough that he feels that Reform should reform some more.

This is Dr. Eisendrath's conclusions about the needs of current American Jewish life, and in view of his great contributions to American Judaism, we must accord to his program the most serious kind of consideration.

But we happen to disagree with it.

In hitting a baseball, or driving an automobile, or in almost everything that one does, timing is the most important factor. A swing a fraction of a second too late causes the batter to fail; a wrong deduction about the needs of American Jewish life today, can cause irreparable damage.

Dr. Eisendrath says let's change the practice of Judaism more. Does he mean watering it down? We think so.

We say that Jews are now demanding more of Judaism than American Judaism asks.

We also say that Dr. Eisendrath's program is 25 years behind the times.

What Reform and American Judaism need today, is some strict rules of practice, not a further loosening of the obligations and duties.

"Reform Judaism," Rabbi Eisendrath declared to the group who were honoring him on the fifteenth anniversary of his ascendancy to the presidency of the Union, "has always been a pioneer faith. We were never satisfied that something was useful just because it was old. We kept Judaism alive by stripping it of outworn practices and concepts. We must do the same today. Every rite, prayer and ceremony in the synagogue and in the home observance must stand the test of logic and utility. Moreover we must be equally bold in spreading the teachings of our faith into every social and economic branch of society as our contribution in making the world enduring, and in elevating the moral climate of our day and times."

Rabbi Eisendrath then proposed a four-point program as the first step in his suggested reformation of religious Judaism, as follows:

1. A sharp revision of the present Reform prayer book with the help of outstanding poets, writers, playwrights and artists. (The prayer book is largely in English, with selected passages in Hebrew).
2. The translation of the re-written prayer book into the languages of Asia, Africa, Europe and the Latin-American world in an effort to make Judaism more universally understood.
3. The change of the Sunday school pattern from one for children into a school for the entire family.
4. The establishment of Prayer Chapels in business and commercial centers of major cities to afford laymen daily opportunities for religious devotion and consultation with a spiritual leader.

"In the past," Dr. Eisendrath declared, "the Reform Movement in Judaism carried through sweeping changes in worship, synagogue activity and home worship. We replaced much of the Hebrew in the prayer book with the English vernacular, so that the lessons of the past would become understandable to the people of the present. We enriched our faith with the introduction. We modernized monies as Confirmation and Consecration. We modernized Jewish religious education and gave women equality in synagogue life. We created social action groups in the synagogue to carry out the mandate of the prophets in the realm of communal, civic and business life. Just as we have dared in the past, so we must dare in the future."

Every leader seeks to be original, and because of the vast acceleration of the means of communication these days, our leaders find they must have some new program every time they talk on a special occasion. This kind of burden is one for which no man is equipped, and eventually our wise men will recognize this.

The young Reform rabbis know what Reform Judaism needs. They have showed it year after year at the conventions of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, their rabbinical association.

Innovations of new ceremonies, better techniques for prayer services and educational approaches, newly-written prayers and services, all these and more, Reform Judaism in America is achieving through the normal course of honest collision with the Reform laity and the Jewish community as a whole.

But more reform of Reform, this is exactly what is not needed. What is needed is a deeper feeling for Reform and an acquiescence to the fact that religion requires sacrifices, that the easy kind of religion is not religion at all and falls flat on its face when it seeks to invoke disciplines.

Any kind of a program, such as that of Rabbi Eisendrath's, which sends Reform Judaism off on a tangent which is not relevant in this day and age, can cause incalculable damage. Rabbi Eisendrath's timing is off, and his knowledge of the state of Reform seems to be lacking. There is no easy panacea, and more reform is exactly what is not needed.

## The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman, writing in his weekly column in the Missouri edition of The POST and OPINION, took out after the long time that Rabbi Maurice Eisenbrath has held the presidency of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which is now 15 years. It was his feeling that since the UAHC is a lay organization—not a rabbinical one—that a lay Reform leader should hold the presidency.

AT THE TIME Rabbi Eisendrath assumed this post, The POST and OPINION held the same opinion. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and one must not forget the remarkable strides Reform Judaism has made under the imaginative leadership of Rabbi Eisendrath.

Yet the question of tenure and elections in the Jewish community is a real one.

AT THE RECENT convention of the Zionist Organization of America, although Dr. Emanuel Neumann was not re-elected for a third term, there still was no real election. His successor Abe Redelheim was not named by the delegates to succeed Dr. Neumann, but the nomination committee made the designation.

This is true of every national Jewish organization without exception. Even the American Jewish Congress, which prides itself on being so democratic, does not hold an election. The successor to Dr. Israel Goldstein was known before the recent Congress convention, and there was no election contest of any sort.

THE PRACTICE in the U. S. Jewish community is by now a pretty well-defined one. In most cases, the new president is selected long in advance of the convention which elects him, but even in the case of the recent ZOA convention where this was impossible, the

delegates themselves had no part in selecting their new leader.

Then there is the matter of tenure.

THE SUPPORTERS of Dr. Neumann for a third term, which meant a change in the constitution of the ZOA, pointed out that two years were insufficient for a man to begin to grasp all the details of an organization, and explained that in most other national Jewish organizations, longer terms were the rule.

With the American Jewish Committee, five years seems to be the established pattern, as also with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, although annually there is the formality of an election. Hadassah may have a set term, but its presidents usually serve even longer than five years.

THE B'NAI B'RITH has set a pattern now, which is two three-year terms, and so it goes.

But in none of these organizations does the election come before the delegates for a vote. The one exception might be in some of our rabbinical organizations, and although here the desire for the office is great, the kingmakers probably do the deciding behind closed doors.

SO WHAT DOES all this mean? We don't know. We do recognize that anyone who heads a national Jewish organization is in prime position to re-elect himself, since most of these organizations are run by professionals and professionals exist on the whim of the president.

Very likely in time, democracy will seep down into our national Jewish organizations. It is not so much recognition that voting is an essential of any kind of democracy as it is a refusal of Jewish leaders to permit themselves to be placed in a position where they may lose an election. This plus the fact of the dearth of true leadership material.

## WHAT AND/OR WHO IS A JEW?

By RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN

KAM Temple, Chicago

The great debate set off in the Knesset last June by the resignations of Ministers Shapiro and Burg of the National Religious party is still having its repercussions.

There are hardly 10 rabbis in this land who have been able to resist the temptation to add their moiety of confusion to the general debate. Perhaps to no discussion is Omar Khayyam's "And came out by the same gate where in I went" more aptly applied.

History has knotted the skein of Jewish destiny so tightly as to defy the sharpest needle points of logic.

Rabbi Weinstein Ben-Gurion must know that he forces history's delicate organic growth when he insists that nationality determines the Jew and that a person can be a Jew in nationality and a non-Jew in religion. His associates recognize that he treads on swampy ground; for while they concede that a Jew can be neutral in religion, he cannot be a disciple of another faith.

NOR DOES the Ben-Gurion argument strengthen itself by insisting that not Halaha (Talmudic or normative law) but huk (legislative decree) regulates the definition of the Jew. This only shifts the argument from linguistics and ethics to law and tradition.

Nor do Rabbi Maimon and his disciples have all truth on their side. To insist that the religious identification of the mother is a purer point of reference than the religious identification of the father may indeed be Jewish law, but it is not sound biology. To insist also that the jurisdiction of rabbinic courts over personal matters such as marriage and divorce is a practical acknowledgment that the question of Jewish identification is also the prerogative of the rabbinic bodies is an unwarranted extension of religious privilege. One can understand the fear of the secularists, that by this kind of analogic extension the camel will eventually usurp the tent.

BENEATH AND behind the weighty arguments, one detects also a spiritual gulf between the antagonists. The secular agnostic background of the social democrats in Mapai and Mapam makes it difficult for them to understand the religious foundations of Jewish nationalism and even more difficult to

appreciate the rooted suspicion of governmental authority in prophetic and rabbinic Judaism. The religionists are equally suspicious of secular authority, still dubious as to whether or not all of modern Zionism may be a forcing of the Messiah. In their zeal for Halaha, they fear that the growing body of Israeli law and precedent will replace the ancient God-sponsored Tora.

There was genuine pathos in the ruling of the council of the chief rabbinate: "The directives of the ministry of the interior are opposed to the laws of our sacred Tora and if they should, God forbid, be carried out, might cause chaos in the families of Israel, encourage mixed marriages in the diaspora, set up in our land a 'mixed multitude' which would have no historic continuity with the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and lead to a split in the unity of our people."

EQUALLY poignant was Ben-Gurion's statement to Rabbi Maimon that the person who lives in accordance with Psalm XV is a Jew. So the peculiar twist of this ongoing debate has brought a situation wherein the secular humanist agnostic, Ben-Gurion, offers a deeply religious, almost mystical definition of a Jew; while the religious authorities stand on the almost mechanical criteria of one born of a Jewish mother or converted in accordance with the rules of the bet din.

Perhaps this is one of those indefinable debates which await the supernatural wisdom of Elijah the Tishbite. Meanwhile Jews everywhere will be moved by this controversy to ask themselves what in them and for them constitutes their Jewishness. Like all self-conscious probing, this, too, will be awkward; but it may cast up some clear, objective criteria by which we can become more inner-directed Jews rather than Jews by benefit of our enemies or by that sweet-faced eunuch, inertia.

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## I THINK AS I PLEASE

## Want to Write a Good Book on Israel? Here's How

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—Want to write a book about Israel? Others have done it, why not you? It's not as difficult as you may think, if only you follow the simple instructions. There are various methods, of course, but I have selected five which have proven successful. This is no gag. I am familiar with five relatively well-known authors who have written five books on Israel, each using one of the systems which I now describe.



Alpert

The first had only 10 days to spend in the country. After careful investigation he engaged one of the better known guides in Tel Aviv, together with services of his car. For ten days they travelled about the country. The guide talked almost constantly, dipping into his vast knowledge of the country. The information he gave ranged from Biblical days, through the period of the crusaders, right down to the last events.

FOR 10 DAYS he talked, and for 10 days the diligent author took notes. What he could not record during the day, the writer entered in his notebooks in detail as he sat up in his hotel room, night after night.

He went back to America, notebooks filled with anecdotes, statistics, shrewd observations on politics, economics, sociology, religion and international diplomacy. Though not a best-seller, the book which

he produced made a favorable impression on all who read it.

The second had a different method entirely, one which he had successfully used in half a dozen other countries about which he had written. He selected the bar of one of the smaller, but well-known hotels in Tel Aviv. He sat at that bar night after night until the early hours of dawn, or as long as there was anyone around willing to toss down the drinks which the visitor bought. The writer slept most of the day, since his "work" was done by night anyhow.

OVER A PERIOD of successive nights he met at that bar a wonderful assortment of characters representing every diverse aspect of Israel's life, civilian and military, town and country, respectable and underworld. The tales he garnered had for the most part never been told in print. The book was a sensation when it appeared in America the following year. The author estimated that the cost of all the drinks was less than the expense of hiring a taxi and guide for two weeks.

The third, whose reputation as a noted American author had preceded him, let himself be "kidnapped" in turn by half a dozen agencies and institutions which were only too glad to provide him with guides, transportation, information, photographs, interviews and anything else he might desire—just so long as their institution or agency would receive good space in the forthcoming book. This was not an easy method. It saved on expenses, of course, and made thinking hardly necessary. But the task of transforming the mass of publicity,

propaganda and press releases into something readable required genuine talent. Fortunately, this man had talent—and his book was published by a leading house.

THE FOURTH was the most original of the lot. He was a man of integrity, and he was determined not to accept any propaganda line. He permitted himself to be taken around the country, but would not let any of his guides talk to him. "Let me just take in impressions," he said. "Don't talk to me." They went through some of Israel's most-interesting territory, and stopped occasionally in areas literally soaked with history and contemporary drama. The author observed and contemplated. He sulked when anyone broke the silence to tell a story or point out something of particular interest. His book proved to be a collection of contemplative essays on Israel, strangely interesting nonetheless. If he had listened more, he might not have been so subjectively dogmatic about certain aspects of life in Israel.

The fifth could not afford a trip to Israel. He went to the library every day and took laborious, systematic notes of Israel's history over the past 10 years from the files of the newspapers in the library. His account faithfully followed the trend of events. He recalled the headlines of yesteryear, and developed the fascinating tale as it unfolded from one yellowed page to another. The major skill required was knowing what to omit, but since the material was freely available to him for the copying, he decided to be generous. The book was voluminous.

All five were successful. Which method do you prefer?

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## Israel Reform Services Story Called Fantastic

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

Our attention has just been drawn to the report in your issue of Sept. 26 of the High Holy Days services held at Moriah Synagogue, Mt. Carmel, Haifa.

We are bound to say that your correspondent, Leo Heiman, failed in his elementary duty to find out the facts. Instead, he fabricated a story which can only be described as fantastic.

PERMIT US to give you some details about Moriah.

In September, 1955, a hand full of Israelis feeling increasingly the lack of a synagogue that was not rigidly Orthodox, nor zealously Reform, but rather taking a middle path, got together and held services on the High Holy Days. Their urge to hold traditional services in the spirit of the present day needs and conditions, to foster the attachment of their children to the religious tenets of Judaism, and generally to maintain the historical continuity of Jewish religious practice, has been rewarded by the establishment of the Moriah Congregation, and its recognition today as a living force in the religious life of Haifa, and indeed in Israel as a whole.

THE FORM of service we conduct may best be exemplified by the many friends from the United States who have participated in our services on Sabbaths and Holy Days. They include Dr. Simon Greenberg, Dr.

Bernard Segal, Rabbis Ben Zion Bokser, Gerzon Levi, Aaron Dekter, Max Routtenberg, Eugene Kohn, and Judge Leventhal, United Synagogue Youth pilgrimage groups, and also many laymen whose reaction to our services can be summed up in the phrase: "We feel at home at Moriah."

Your correspondent, however, has not deemed it necessary to attend; and his distorted version of our religious services does not assist toward better understanding between Jews in Israel and in America. Nor does it help the growth of a vital religious consciousness in Israel.

DAVID FREEMAN,  
S. ABEL AGRANAT.

Moriah Congregation,  
Mt. Carmel, Haifa, Israel.

## Who Says Jewish Law Permits Birth Control Doesn't Know Law

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: I am shocked to read the letter of Lynn Loos of Greensboro, N. C. (P-O, Oct. 31).

"Freedom of the Press" may entitle the writer to state his or her opinion on any matter, but certainly does not authorize anybody to present his own opinion as that of "Jewish religious law."

IT IS NOT my intention here to discuss the problem of birth control, but I certainly do vehemently oppose the opening statement... "As is well known, there is no prohibition in Jewish religious law forbidding Jews the practice of birth control."

Such a statement can only prove that to the writer nothing of Jewish law is "well known," since the Divine Commandment of "Be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1) is the very first com-

## Brin Wrong; Using German Is Not Liking Germans

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: I read and followed with great interest the various letters published under the heading "Freedom of the Press" in reference to the controversy that arose over the use of the German language in a fund-raising affair on the West Coast.

This brother Brin must not have all his marbles the way he expresses himself on the subject. I am sure that Mr. George probably has more reasons to dislike Germans than Mr. Brin but that has nothing to do with the use of a language.

My mother lived with my family for 16 years after we rescued her from Nazi Germany; yes, we spoke German with her, our mother tongue. She even taught it to my son and my daughter, not because we like the Germans or their past deeds but it's our mother tongue.

One can hardly conceive the thought that Mr. Brin is an editor of a paper, and a Jewish one at that.

LOUIS E. BRUNNER.  
Indianapolis 5, Ind.



## Your Name

Want to know what your name means? Address your questions to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish POST and OPINION, Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

By N. PEARLROTH

DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: We have a relative by the name of Faktor, which years back, I believe, was spelled Factoroff. The grandfather was from White Russia, and as a matter of interest we met a Chinese girl in the United States of the same name several years ago. Anything you may find out will be greatly appreciated.—S. PRIFSTEIN, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

FAKTOROV is a family name derived from a trade. The trade was that of a faktor, a Russians term meaning the manager of a printing plant or a commission merchant, a broker. The .ov is a Russian suffix denoting descent, so that Faktorov means "the son of a faktor." A Chinese girl bearing this name could only have derived it by Russian adoption or by marriage. It has no possible meaning in Chinese.

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DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I would like to know what my name Neleber means. My folks came from a small town near Minsk. Thank you.—LOUIS NELEBER, Colchester, Conn.

NELEBER is a family name of geographical origin. It is taken from the name of the little village of Nieluby in the extreme western part of the government of Minsk. I visited Nieluby many years ago. The village trail was covered with gravel to a depth of about a foot. My host explained that no matter how often the path was swept the gravel comes through from the soil. There were 12 farms in Nieluby (Nelebe in Yiddish). Only one Jewish family was settled there and they were farmers. Your ancestor must have emigrated from Nieluby many years ago, as the name dates back to 1804.

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## LIGHTS OFF: GRIPES ON

Complaints poured in from stores and housewives when Jerusalem's supply of electricity was cut off unexpectedly last week while linemen worked on cables.



# Innocent Couple Learn About Anti-Semitism the Hard Way

CHICAGO (P-O) — The discouraging experience of a Jewish couple who sought to buy a home in Evanston, suburb just north of here, was related by Jack Mabley in the Chicago Daily News.

AFTER VIEWING a home for sale, the couple were asked by the female real estate agent, if

they were Jewish. When they replied that they were, the agent quickly said that she could not sell them the house because the home owners in that area had agreed not to sell to Jews.

The wife had been raised on a Michigan farm, and had never encountered anti-Semitism before. She asked the agent what

would happen if some home owner would agree to sell to them. And did the area have restrictive covenants?

"OH, NO," the woman answered. "But the neighbors would be very unhappy and would blackball you. You know that would be hard on your children."

The husband wanted to know where they could live in Evanston, and learned that apparently some parts of the town were open to Jews, but the agent would not be specific. He said he knew that other North Shore towns did not allow them, but he did not expect the modest area they had picked to be so

sensitive.

"I SUPPOSE I should have told the woman we were Jewish at the outset, but it honestly never occurred to me. Nor do I blame the poor real estate woman, who, as she told us, 'has to make a living'."

The couple decided not to live in Evanston.

## WEALTHY ARABS SEND ILL TO ISRAEL FOR TREATMENT

JERUSALEM (P-O) — An almost mystical faith in the prowess of Israel medical men has caused wealthy Arabs to smuggle their sick across the border into Israeli hospitals.

THIS IS achieved with the understanding of Israeli authorities.

Throughout the Arab world, and now even behind the Iron Curtain, tales are being whispered about the medical "miracles" being performed in Israel.

THE RUMOR is widespread that all kinds of illnesses, but especially polio cases, ulcer and heart diseases are treated in Israel by the best physicians of the world who have developed miraculous medicines.

One story going the rounds is that even Krushchev would like

to come to Israel to be examined by physicians for his serious stomach ailment.

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## FOREIGN MONEY SALES UP

Israeli tourist shops authorized to accept foreign currency took in \$715,000 during the first six months of 1958, compared to \$120,000 during the same period last year.

## FOUR MEN VS. ONE BEAVER

Four men struggled last month to keep a Jerusalem zoo beaver in a dentist's chair while the doctor worked on the animal's teeth.

## WANT 'TREE FOR TREE'

Israel's ministry of interior has proposed a tree-for-a-tree law, whereby each tree uprooted will have to be replaced by another one near by.

## 2 ZIM SHIPS LAUNCHED

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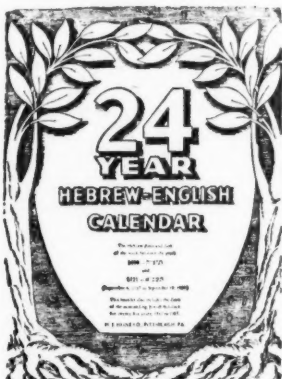
### RADIO

Sunday, Nov. 16, 10:05 a.m. (EST) — Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to speak on "Whose World?" on Message of Israel program, ABN.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 12:30 p.m. (EST) — "The Garments of Truth," a dramatization of the excavation of an ancient synagogue and the surprising content of its remains, by Judah

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### TELEVISION

Sunday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m. (EST) — "The Red Box," a dramatization of an episode in the life of Gershom Mendes Seixas, a rabbi who lived during the American revolution and who fought for freedom through his religious beliefs, written for television by Marc Siegel, on the Eternal Light program, NBC-TV.

## STUDENTS TO CUT RED TIE

Disillusioned members of the Israel Students Federation are expected to vote next month to secede from the Communist-dominated International Union of Students.

## TO TRY AGAIN FOR OIL

The Israel National Oil Prospecting Co. plans to drill near Halutza, less than a mile from the spot where a dry hole was drilled in 1956.

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